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## Parking lot fight leads to assault charges

**ASSAULT** Call it parking lot rage. A taxi driver ended up in the hospital with a jaw injury yesterday after he blocked three men in a parked car in Timberlea.

The owner of the car and two other men got into an argument and a physical fight when the cabby parked in front of the parked car at about 1 p.m. The taxi driver was hurt. The men then left the scene, but RCMP say the taxi driver followed them.

Police were called and caught up to the travelling rage show near downtown Halifax, said RCMP Sgt. Mark Gallagher.

"I guess about the closest thing you could describe it as is road rage. Unfortunately, things escalated," Gallagher said.

"What both parties should have done is called us, and we could have defused the thing. (Now) you've got three people who are being charged with assault."

One of the men from the parked car is facing an assault causing bodily harm charge; the other two are charged with assault. They were arrested, but will appear in court later.

The taxi driver was admitted to the hospital.

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Heritage Trust president Phil Pacey walks across Upper Water Street to check out Sweet Basil's dining room. The building faces demolition.

# Council petitioned to save buildings

Historic landmarks face wrecking ball to make way for office space

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Halifax



**"There are lots of opportunities where people can build office space without destroying heritage buildings ... they can certainly build on a vacant lot."**

Phil Pacey, Heritage Trust president

Historic Properties landmarks O'Carroll's and Sweet Basil's dining room will be demolished, if a Halifax developer gets its way.

The Armour Group wants to raze the two Upper Water Street buildings and construct a nine-storey glass-and-steel office building. A replica facade of the O'Carroll's front would be attached to the tower, according to the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia. Three other buildings in the central block face partial demolition.

Trust president Phil Pacey says the move would be disastrous.

"The people of HRM are strongly attached to our heritage buildings," he said yesterday. "Over and over ... (people have told us) what a waste it would be if they were lost."

His group is campaigning against the plans. Over the National Day weekend, they collected 683 signed postcards asking HRM council to protect the buildings. Those were presented to council last night.

"We are hopeful council will

listen to the concerns expressed," Pacey said. He added the trust is not against development, but would rather see heritage buildings renovated. He cited work done on the nearby Morris Tea building and the Masonic Hall on Barrington Street as good examples.

"We would love to see additional office space downtown," Pacey said.

"There are lots of opportunities where people can build of-

fice space without destroying heritage buildings. If someone really wants brand-new space, they can certainly build on a vacant lot."

John Chaban was visiting Halifax yesterday. The Torontonian was snapping photos of the Historic Properties and said it would be a shame to destroy the buildings.

"I like them," he said. "That's why I'm here. I'd hate to come back in ten years and see them gone."

He owns a historic property in Toronto and knows the cost of maintaining them, but says it is worth it.

The Armour Group did not return calls for comment as of press time last night.

# Local



## Cellphone, seatbelt tickets issued

Thirty people got tickets for cellphone infractions from Halifax Regional Police in July. Another 209 got seatbelt tickets. This month, the cops are targeting speeders; you can get a \$337 fine, or worse, for speeding in a work zone.

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### Frigate set to aid Somali food mission

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Halifax

**AFRICA** Canada is set to divert a Halifax-based frigate to fight pirates off the coast of Somalia, it was reported yesterday.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay was to make an announcement about a warship joining a UN mission yesterday, but delayed it.

HMCS Ville de Quebec is on a NATO mission in the Mediterranean and Black seas, but sources say it will now head to the horn of Africa to aid the World Food Program.

"There's certainly a risk (of pirate attack)," said Eric Lerhe, a retired commodore who is a member of Dalhousie University's Centre for Foreign Policy Studies. "These pirates are well armed, but not as well armed as the ship."

#### News in brief

**BANK ROBBERY** Halifax Regional Police are searching for a man who robbed the CIBC on Parkland Drive yesterday morning. The suspect is a white man, between 5'6" and 5'10", late 30s or older, with salt-and-pepper hair, wearing a large blue rain jacket, a blue baseball hat, and sunglasses.

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#### Tomorrow's Metro



#### Just peachy

Juicy, ripe peaches are one of the pleasures of summer. Barb Holland shares her recipe for Warm Peach and Blueberry Tarts with Custard.

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What's online today.

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JON TATTRIE/FOR METRO HALIFAX

Lifeguards watch over Black Rock Beach yesterday, but swimmers were told to stay out of the water.

## Short opening for beaches

JENNIFER TAPLIN  
and JON TATTRIE

#### What the mayor opened, bacteria has closed.

Despite the rain on Saturday, Black Rock Beach and the Dingle Tower Beach were reopened to the public on Saturday. But by Sunday, too much rain raised concerns of high bacteria, so both beaches were closed.

Mayor Peter Kelly said too much water forces out a surcharge of broken-down

sewage into the harbour. The solids are taken out, he explained, but more liquids — even though they're watered down — are flushed into the harbour during heavy rainfall.

The overflow caused a bacteria concern, but because it was a long weekend, city crews couldn't test the water to make sure because there were no labs open.

"We did close down the beaches so we could take some new readings to make sure the beaches are safe,"

#### "Things happen that you can't control."

Mayor Peter Kelly

Kelly said.

Test results will be back today.

Kelly splashed into the water at both beaches on Saturday at the reopening parties. He said yesterday he's not worried after his dip.

"I'm OK, my skin is still attached. No rashes, no itchies, no nothing so there

were no issues," he joked.

In terms of the beach being freshly opened then quickly closed, it was just a case of bad timing.

"Things happen that you can't control," he said.

Kelly added it was expected they would have to close the beach down from time to time because of weather conditions.

It was a slow day at Black Rock Beach in Point Pleasant Park yesterday.

Montrealer Ian Macintosh was surprised to find him-

self swarmed by local media on his quiet visit to the beach.

Macintosh and his young daughters Jessica and Janet are visiting family in Halifax and were the only people on the sand yesterday afternoon. Locals gave the beach a wide berth.

"(The girls) wanted to go to the beach, so we came here," a baffled Macintosh explained. "The lifeguard did inform that the beach is closed, so they just stayed on the sand."

## Big Pond's Rita MacNeil a national threat?

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The RCMP may have thought of her as someone to be watched, but Rita MacNeil didn't think of herself as a threat.

It was revealed yesterday the singer from Big Pond, Cape Breton, was among the women the force kept an eye on while monitoring feminist rallies and the

women's movement in the 1970s.

"It's strange. All I did was sing my songs. That was it. That was my part," MacNeil said.

"I am sure if I was under surveillance it had to be all of us under surveillance. I can only say I don't know why."

The Juno winner found

out only recently the Mounties had compiled information on her time spent with the Toronto Women's Caucus.

"I meet some of those ladies today after my shows in different parts of this country and they all have grey hair like me now. We just talk about the time we had and the interesting moments it brought to our lives — I

didn't know it would bring in the RCMP as well."

MacNeil said she got involved after being reluctantly brought to a meeting by a friend. The more she learned, the more interested she became — and eventually began writing songs about the movement.

"I find it strange why it made such a big splash."

MacNeil said she doesn't take the news seriously

enough to pursue any action, but might check out what else the RCMP gathered on her.

"I might learn a few things I didn't know about. God knows, I might have a split personality," she added. "I should be under surveillance now because I just did a children's CD, and they should be watching those Big Pond concerts — that's all I can tell you."

**Glider team places third**

A Bedford, N.S., team and its homemade glider placed third in a national competition in Ottawa over the long weekend. Team Flighthouse was among 32 teams to compete.

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# Urban extension

## Council approves noise exemption for country concert

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**Keith Urban got the go-ahead to rock out later than is normally allowed at the upcoming concert on the Common.**

Halifax regional council made an exemption in its noise bylaw for the Aug. 30 Keith Urban Country Rocks 2008 concert, as it did for The Rolling Stones two years ago.

The concert is expected to run from noon to 11 p.m. — about four hours longer than the permitted time. The sound will be directed from the east side of the north Common toward Robie Street.

**Concert lineup**

- Who's playing at the Keith Urban Country Rocks concert:
- Keith Urban
- Charlie Major
- Johnny Reid

- Aaron Pritchett
- Gretchen Wilson
- Jimmy Rankin
- Great Big Sea
- Mark Cameron

The promoters are now also permitted to dismantle equipment until 3 a.m.

Normally, concert-related noise is limited to 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on weekdays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

The promoters also got permission to work beyond those hours in case of delays such as "weather or unforeseen circumstances."

Jill Ceccolini, who lives on North Park Street across the street from the concert site, told council the dismantling of The Rolling Stones set made it difficult for her and her neighbours to function normally.

"It was very difficult to go to work on Monday morning, having been up listening to 20 to 30 diesel trucks going back and forth with a beep, beep,

beep," she said.

To promoter Harold MacKay, who was in attendance, Ceccolini said: "We're awake while things are being torn down and we have jobs to do, too, and families to support."

MacKay, president of Power Promotional Events, said the set is three-quarters the size of The Rolling Stones' and will require "a lot less equipment."

MacKay promised to minimize the noise as much as possible and said he expects to only violate noise bylaws after the show.

Work on the north Common will start on Aug. 25 and wrap up on Sept. 2.

## Mixed reaction for \$419-million surplus

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Halifax



**Rodney MacDonald's government announced a \$419-million surplus yesterday, but critics said it was a one-off lucky break and the public accounts show the province is in dire financial straits.**

"This is our largest surplus since we first balanced the budget in 2002," said Finance Minister Michael Baker, "and we're confident it is Nova Scotia's largest surplus ever."

The surplus was \$301 million more than budgeted — \$234.4 million was from the Crown share adjustment payment, the deal that replaced the Atlantic Accord. Baker said \$242 million would be put on the province's \$12.1-billion debt.

Graham Steele, NDP finance critic, said it showed "short-term thinking" by the government.

"Long-term thinking would have been reducing the debt as quickly as possible, particularly with one-time payments like the Crown share," the Halifax-Fairview MLA said. "The money saved on the debt is available to Nova



Finance Minister Michael Baker announces a \$419-million surplus yesterday.

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"The more desperate (the government) gets, the more money it wants to spend," he added. "It shows the finances of the province continue to run on a razor's edge."

Diana Whalen of the Liberals called the surplus "plain good luck." She said it should automatically go to the debt.

"Right now, it's open to the whims of government. This government chose to spend \$75 million one way this year, and next year's payments could be put somewhere else."

The Halifax-Clayton Park MLA warned hard days are ahead if oil prices continue to rise.

"I don't feel that Nova Scotians should have a

sense of confidence in this government," she said.

The \$385 million spent in unplanned "appropriations," which doesn't need approval from the legislature, is a problem that "continues not to creep, but to leap forward."

"It's the whims of a government deciding to blow money when it comes their way," Whalen said.

### News in brief

**TELEVISION** What's in a name? In television production it can mean everything, says Dwayne MacEachern, of Cape Breton's JUMP TV. MacEachern, who started working with the Port Hood Area Development Society as the station manager three months ago, said in a release

JUMP TV is a "great" name for the station and it incorporates the communities it serves, 'JU' from Judique, 'M' from Mabou and 'P' from Port Hood. Unfortunately, the name is already registered as a public company in Ontario, where JUMP TV is an Internet television provider.

**DIGBY** Friday's announcement of a two-year extension for the Digby-Saint John ferry overshadowed a second announcement of \$3 million for the first phase of renovations and repairs for Digby's wharf. The \$3-million figure had been revealed earlier in the week. The funding was

announced by MP Peter MacKay. The money shows the government continues to support important infrastructure, MacKay said, and he gave much of the credit for the aid to Reg Hazelton, chair of the Digby Harbour Port Association.

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# Burn camp to benefit children

**Organizers are in the final stages of preparation for the annual Atlantic Burn Camp in Cape Breton.**

"We're going to have somewhere between 16 and 20 kids this year," said Nick Davis, chair of the Cape Breton Firefighters Burn Care Society.

"Our numbers are down a little bit, but that's a good thing, hopefully, and, hopefully, fire prevention is working."

On Aug. 18, Davis said the annual flag raising will be held at the Civic Centre in Sydney. A parade will begin at Sydney Airport and proceed to the Mira Road fire hall and then on to the camp at New Cambellton.

Davis is thankful for the support of the community.

"We've had unbelievable support," he said. "It seems the last couple of years it

has picked up. I know for non-profit organizations fundraising is getting extremely hard. There are so many good organizations out there trying to raise money for so many good causes, for us to actually be picking up the last couple of years ... we're being recognized for what we're doing and it's rewarding."

**"We're being recognized for what we're doing and it's rewarding."**

Chair Nick Davis

The Atlantic Burn Camp, run by the Cape Breton Firefighters Burn Care Society, is open to any youth between the age of six and 17 who is a burn survivor.

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## Tuning up Cadet performance



The HMCS Acadia Senior Concert Band performs behind the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic yesterday. Cadets take six weeks of intense musical training before performing at various events around Nova Scotia.

## Access Nova Scotia computer system back up to full speed

**TRANSPORTATION** Need to get your drivers' licence renewed? Access Nova Scotia's new computer system shut down late Thursday

afternoon, but it got back online Friday and it's up to full speed now.

The province has extended all drivers' licenses and

vehicle registrations that expired in July and August until Sept. 30.

Service Nova Scotia spokesman Brian Taylor

said waits were still longer than normal yesterday, but they're working to get them back down.

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**New home for Boys and Girls Club**

The Boys and Girls Club of East Dartmouth is getting a new home. More than 20 military members and civilians from CFB Halifax will be helping the club move into the new digs at 50 Caledonia Rd. today. It will officially open Saturday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Alexa, er, Alexis seeks NDP nod

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**Alexis MacDonald might get a few extra votes in the Halifax riding just on name recognition alone.**

Her name is so close to current NDP MP Alexa McDonough, that they've been mistaken before.

"People joke that they'll come to the ballot and say, 'Isn't she retired?' and just check it anyway. I just laugh. **Alexis** — I have **MacDonald** more faith in the voters than that."

Yesterday, MacDonald announced she'll seek the nomination as the NDP candidate for the federal Halifax riding. It's the same one McDonough, who's retiring, has held for more than 10 years.

"I am ready and eager to earn the trust of the peo-



ple of Halifax," MacDonald told a crowd of about 150 people at Pier 21 yesterday.

MacDonald has never been elected outside a university student government, but she's tried twice.

In 2004 and 2006, she ran against Defence Minister Peter MacKay in Central Nova. The first time she doubled the NDP vote for the riding. The second time she came within eight per cent of MacKay, getting 33 per cent of the popular vote.

MacDonald said if she wins the nomination in the fall, it will be a different battle for the Halifax riding.

"In Central Nova, it's been nothing but conservatives for eons," she said in an interview after the announcement. "In Halifax there's a lot of clear interest for the NDP."

MacDonald grew up in Summerside, P.E.I., but she now lives on Robie Street in Halifax where she's finishing a masters degree at Dalhousie University.

## Exemplary citizens **Paramedics honoured**



Lauchlin Armstrong, left, an advanced care paramedic from Port Hawkesbury, Earl Russell, second from left, an intermediate care paramedic from Berwick and Bill Muirhead, a primary care paramedic from Stellarton, pose for a photo with Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis after receiving an Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Medal during a ceremony at Province House yesterday.

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A Canadian couple is seeking to sell the rights to the defunct luxury auto-maker Packard along with a high-end prototype car, with the hopes of resurrecting the legendary brand. They are asking \$1.5 million for the name and trademark that dates back to 1902. **REUTERS**

**"We were able to switch nicotine's aversive effects to rewarding effects."**

Dr. Steven Laviolette of the University of Western Ontario speaking about manipulating receptors affected by cigarettes.



## Smokers

Canadian researchers have found they were able to control an area of a rat's brain that enjoyed its first exposure to nicotine and make them repelled by it.

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# Canada

## Greyhound pulls 'bus rage' ads

Crown releases details of alleged cannibalism as suspect appears in court

JEFF CUMMINGS  
Metro Canada

**Greyhound Canada is pulling an ad campaign related to "bus rage" after last week's violent stabbing and beheading onboard a Greyhound bus that was bound for Winnipeg from Edmonton.**

The 2007 campaign features a slogan that reads, "There's a reason you've never heard of bus rage."

Abby Wambaugh, a spokeswoman with Greyhound Canada, says the campaign was supposed to expire before the attack, but there were some ads "lingering out there."

"We realized after the incident that it was no longer appropriate and it could be very offensive," said Wambaugh.

"Greyhound realizes that it is important to get those ads removed."

Wambaugh says the company hasn't noticed a decrease in passengers in Canada and the U.S. since last week's attack.



Vince Weiguang Li, left, suspect in the murder of Tim McLean aboard a Greyhound bus in Manitoba, is escorted by sheriff officers on his way to a court appearance in Portage la Prairie yesterday.

Meanwhile, the man accused of violently stabbing and beheading the 22-year-old Greyhound passenger was found with several severed body parts — including an ear, nose and a partial mouth — inside a plastic bag he was carrying by

police, reports the Winnipeg Free Press.

Vince Weiguang Li, a 40-year-old Edmonton resident who is charged with second degree murder in Tim McLean's death, was also ordered in court to undergo a psychiatric evaluation

to determine whether or not he's fit to stand trial.

During the court appearance, however, Crown attorney Joyce Dalmyne released details of the entire case up to the point when the man was arrested by police, reported the Winnipeg Free Press.

**"We realized after the incident that it was no longer appropriate and it could be very offensive."**

Abby Wambaugh

Winnipeg newspaper.

Court heard that police waited to arrest the man until Li smashed out a window to throw a bloody knife and scissors towards them, the newspaper said.

Dalmyne also told court that the man allegedly taunted police with McLean's severed head and at one point, the man appeared to cut off and then eat other body parts, the newspaper reported.

During court, Li also reportedly spoke, "please kill me" softly within earshot of court officials during his appearance. It's believed the man is currently on suicide watch inside the Winnipeg Remand Centre.

The judge didn't acknowledge Li's comments.

## Man accused of hammer attacks in B.C. court

**VANCOUVER** A man accused of hitting nine people with a hammer during a random violent rampage on a downtown street in Vancouver is undergoing a psychiatric evaluation.

**17** The number of charges Khalid Alzghoul is facing in connection with an assault spree that included hitting multiple people with a hammer.

Khalid Alzghoul, 31, of Vancouver is facing 17 charges in connection with the assault spree on one of the city's busiest streets Sunday night.

The bizarre attacks occurred hours after the city's popular Pride parade as thousands of onlookers and party-goers were milling about on Davie Street. A man ran from stores to clubs to patios, hitting men and women with a hammer until bystanders tackled the suspect to the ground.

Police did not disclose the motive, but the hate crime unit is looking into possible links to homophobia.

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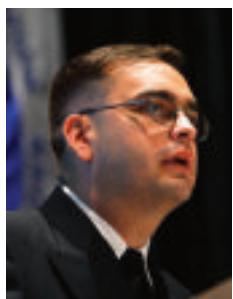
## Khadr charges unlikely to be dismissed: Lawyer

**MOTION** Omar Khadr's U.S. military lawyer, who filed three motions this week in an effort to have the charges against his client dismissed, says he has "no faith" the bid will be accepted.

"I am not terribly confident we are going to get the release we are looking for from the military judge," said U.S. Navy Lt.-Cmdr. William Kuebler yesterday.

Kuebler filed the motions with the Guantanamo Bay military commission on Monday, arguing that "unlawful influence" has tainted the process and limited access to relevant information he needs to defend 21-year-old Khadr, who faces a war crimes trial in October.

Kuebler alleges that, after he discovered interrogators had been encouraged to destroy notes with "interrogation" information,



**"I am not terribly confident we are going to get the release we are looking for from the military judge."**

William Kuebler

have been dismissed because they would not rule in the U.S. government's favour.

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## Vancouver H&M braces for 'nurse-in'

JEFF HODSON  
Metro Canada

**RIGHTS** Breastfeeding advocates are holding a "nurse-in" at a Vancouver clothing store tomorrow after a new mother said she was told to stop nursing and move to a private changing room.

The company however said the incident was a misunderstanding and that the fitting room was offered only out of courtesy to make it easier and more comfortable for the nursing woman.

"I was upset and completely humiliated," said Manuela Valle, 34, a PhD student in women's and gender studies at the University of B.C., who said she planned to file a human rights complaint yesterday.

Laura Shankland, a spokeswoman for H&M Canada, said the fitting room was offered only to make Valle more comfortable.



Manuela Valle is leading a nurse-in at a Vancouver H&M after she was allegedly told she could not breast feed in the store.

"We allow — of course — women to breastfeed in our stores," Shankland said. "It's certainly not our policy to disallow that ... we've really apologized and again we can only apologize."

## News in brief

**FUEL COSTS** The mayor of the northern Manitoba town of Churchill is asking the provincial government to help his community cope with gas prices that have soared to \$1.99 a litre. Mayor Mike Spence would like the provincial government to subsidize fuel, which has hovered near \$2 a litre in Churchill since February.

**LARGE SURPLUS** Thanks mainly to offshore resources, the Nova Scotia government is reporting what it describes as the province's "largest surplus ever" — \$419 million for the 2007-08 fiscal year. The figure is \$301 million higher than budgeted and \$236 million more than recorded in 2006-07.

**B. SHOOTING** Homicide investigators are canvassing Chilliwack, B.C., following a fatal shooting early yesterday morning that left one man dead and two people injured. Police have said they have no suspects so far.

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**'Bullet-proof bras'**

Thousands of German police women will receive what media have labelled "bullet-proof bras." Made of white cotton and featuring the word "Polizei" (Police) along the seam, the bras are meant to better protect police women who wear bullet-proof vests. **REUTERS**

# World/Business

## Torch arrives in Beijing amid tight security

Quake-ravaged Sichuan also visited by Olympic flame

**The Olympic torch arrived in China's capital yesterday after a jubilant reception in the quake-ravaged southwest, as Beijing tries to choreograph a happy ending to its troubled international tour.**

Beijing's residents have been warned they will face sweeping security to prevent any more trouble — and bad publicity — on the last leg of the tour ahead of Friday's opening ceremony.

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Xu Min, worker

Min said amid cheering crowds watching the flame in Chengdu, capital of quake-hit Sichuan province where 70,000 people died in May.

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after suspected Islamist sep-

aratists killed 16 policemen on Monday in what a senior local Communist Party official called a "terrorist attack."

Riot police flooded the streets in the old Silk Road city of Kashgar and stopped cars. Exiled dissident groups said many local Muslims had been rounded up, and some beaten. Japan protested after police also beat up two of its journalists there.

The government and Olympics chiefs shrugged off the attack, assuring

10,500 athletes from 205 countries they would be safe.

The last leg of the Olympic torch's mammoth 130-day tour starts at Beijing's Forbidden City today, before being taken round landmarks like Tiananmen Square.

In a tradition introduced before the 1936 Berlin Olympics, the flame is lit from the sun's rays in ancient Olympia, Greece, then carried across the globe.

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## Gotti faces drug, murder charges

**CRIME** John "Junior" Gotti, the accused Mafia boss who beat federal charges three times by having cases end in mistrials, was indicted yesterday on conspiracy charges including murder and cocaine trafficking.



John Gotti Jr.

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after federal authorities arrested him at his Long Island home on suspicion of conspiracy to traffic cocaine and murder three men between 1988 and 1991. The indictment was unsealed in Tampa, Florida, and Gotti may face trial

A judge denied Gotti bail there.

## News in brief

**STORM** Tropical Storm Edouard plowed into a wildlife refuge on the upper Texas coast early yesterday, bringing driving rains and peak winds near 105 km/h, but leaving key energy installations mostly unscathed. Edouard was just below hurricane strength when it came ashore at the McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge, forecasters said.

**ENVIRONMENT** A crowd of gorillas has survived in the northern part of the Republic of Congo — so many that environmentalists can double population estimates, according to a report released yesterday. A new census tallied more than 125,000 western lowland gorillas in an 47,000-square-kilometer area, the Wildlife Conservation Society reported.

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## Business

### Incoming head of the Bay brings glamour to chain

**STYLE** The new head of Canada's oldest department store chain, Bonnie Brooks, will bring a sense of fashion, style and glamour to the job, industry observers say.

With 30 years' fashion industry experience, including stints at Holt Renfrew, the now defunct women's specialty chain Dylex and Flare magazine, Brooks completes a powerful triumvirate under HBC's new owners.



"She will bring a level of class or style that may not have been at the Bay before," said retail consultant Len Kubas. Brooks was president of Lane Crawford Joyce Group, a 500-store luxury fashion retailer referred to as "the Harrods of Hong Kong."

Brooks has indicated one of her main tasks would be attracting more prestige brands to the Bay.

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## Korea Picking another Booger



American Bernann McKinney holds one of five cloned puppies, the offspring of her late bullterrier Booger, upon her first meeting with them at the Seoul National University Hospital for Animals in Seoul, South Korea yesterday.

## THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

### MedMira expands reach:

MedMira Inc. has expanded its global distribution network into southeast Asia, where its MiraWell Rapid HIV Test will soon be available. American Health Diagnostics, a MedMira distribution agent in the U.S., has signed a distribution agreement for MiraWell HIV in selected markets in southeast Asia.

### Slow start to season:

Some Cape Breton tourism operators are reporting a slow start to the season but European visitors are saving the season. Gordon Heading, who operates the Cabot Trail Motel on the outskirts of Baddeck, said July was down about 15 per cent from last year after a strong spring, but traffic is finally starting to pick

up. He said the number of European visits is up sharply, and they are seeing some visitors from Quebec and Ontario, while Americans are down.

### Back in funeral business:

Two brothers are back in control of the family funeral business after it spent more than a decade in the hands of a large corporation. Kenny McGillivray, 44, and Basil R. McGillivray, 37, have purchased their grandfather's funeral home, V.J. McGillivray Funeral Homes Ltd. in New Waterford and Glace Bay from Arbour Memorial Services of Canada, which bought the business in 1996.

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## CEED'S BREAK INTO BUSINESS CAMPS

Hey kids!

Just writing to tell you about the awesome Break into Business camp (BIB) I'm going to this week. I'm having tons of fun, and I'm learning about starting a business. I've made lots of friends, and even earned some money.

We've had guest speakers, gone on site tours, created our own products and taken part in lots of cool outdoor activities. There are more BIB camps coming up this summer.

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New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain left in the fifth inning of Monday's 9-5 loss to the Texas Rangers with a stiff right shoulder. The club did not reveal the results of the MRI, but has made plans for Chamberlain to visit Dr. James Andrews in Alabama. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Sports



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## Favre feels unwanted by Pack

**NFL** Brett Favre's fears that old's decision to make a comeback just a few months after announcing his retirement at the end of last season.



Favre met with McCarthy before leaving Lambeau Field prior to the team's afternoon practice session, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported on its website. **REUTERS**

### Sports in brief

**MLB** Kansas City pitcher Zack Greinke and catcher Miguel Olivo were each suspended five games for their roles in a series of incidents during Sunday's 14-3 win over the White Sox.

**MLB** The Arizona Diamondbacks have reached an agreement on a two-year contract extension with pitcher Dan Haren. He is now under contract until 2013.

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### SCOREBOARD

#### MLB

##### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

##### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto 4 Oakland 3

Tampa Bay 8 Cleveland 4

Texas 8 N.Y. Yankees 6

Boston 8 Kansas City 2

Detroit at Chicago White Sox

Baltimore at L.A. Angels

Minnesota at Seattle

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Cubs 11 Houston 7

Florida 8 Philadelphia 2

Milwaukee 8 Cincinnati 1

N.Y. Mets 6 San Diego 5

L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis

Colorado 8 Washington 2

Arizona 3 Pittsburgh 1

Atlanta at San Francisco

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 1:40

Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 4:35

Minnesota at Seattle, 5:40

Oakland at Toronto, 8:07

N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 9:05

Boston at Kansas City, 9:10

Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 9:11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 1:35

Houston at Chicago Cubs, 3:20

Pittsburgh at Arizona, 4:40

Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:45

Florida at Philadelphia, 8:05

San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 8:10

L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis, 9:15

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TODAY'S GAMES

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FRIDAY'S GAMES

Montreal at Winnipeg, 8:30

Edmonton at B.C., 11:30

## Jays wisely turned down Bay deal

### YorkReport

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These would have been Bay Days for the Blue Jays had the club's decision-makers been willing to relinquish their top two prospects last week.

Front-office sources with the Pittsburgh Pirates told Metro yesterday that, before MLB's July 31 trade deadline, they made a two-for-one proposal in which they would have dealt Canadian all-star **Jason Bay** to Toronto for minor-leaguers **Travis Snider** and **Brett Cecil**.

The Jays mulled it over and declined. Snider is a power-hitting outfielder/first baseman, Cecil is a left-handed pitcher. Baseball America ranks the two as the Jays' most promising minor-leaguers.

### Ramirez jerseys fly off the shelves

Fans at Dodger Stadium purchased more than \$125,000-worth of Manny Ramirez swag in the slugger's first two games with Los Angeles. Ramirez was traded from the Boston Red Sox, where he became unpopular, as part of a three-way deal last week.

Bay, a B.C. native, wound up in the Boston Red Sox's outfield as part of a three-way deal that sent the Pirates prospects and the Los Angeles Dodgers all-star outfielder **Manny Ramirez**. Bay has excelled with Boston so far. He entered last night with six runs and a .315 average in 16 at-bats.

Not that Ramirez has been slouching in LA. He entered last night with a .615 average and five runs batted in after 13 at-bats. And I'm sensing an all-L.A. World Series in October — the Dodgers and the Angels.

The Stampeders and their fans are still fuming about their one-point loss to the Roughriders in Calgary Saturday night, part-

ly because the officials mistakenly ejected linebacker **Joquan Armour** after the game's second defensive snap and partly because some Saskatchewan fans in attendance refused to abide by the moment of silence devoted to ex-CFLer **Leif Pettersen**.

But it's the undefeated Riders who have filed an official complaint against Calgary, demanding league executives review what they considered an illegal, horse-collar tackle by the Stamps' **Brandon Browner** on the Riders' **Carl Berman**.

Should be an interesting rematch in Regina tomorrow, with Armour vowing that Rider running back **Wes Cates** won't come close to the 139 yards he gained last week.

The Beijing Olympics will enable a Canadian website to become the world's first social networking company to make measurable income for sponsors.

"Online companies have long been trying to prove to sponsors that they can make money," said **Shawn Saraga**, president of [www.freemyteam.com](http://www.freemyteam.com), the all-sports version of Facebook, "but we'll actually be proving it once and for all, without doubt."

The lowdown: Users can sign on at [freemyteam.com](http://freemyteam.com), enter a code and collect \$10 off at a Shoeless Joe's restaurant.

"Watch the Olympics there and cheer on our athletes," Saraga said. "It's a win-win. Shoeless Joe's makes money and our users save money."

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

## Blue Jays rally late to top A's

### BLUE JAYS 6 ATHLETICS 1

It was déjà vu for B.C.'s Scott Richmond in his second major-league start.

Once again, the Blue Jays rookie starter allowed three runs in just under six innings of work. Once more, he dribbled out hits, but didn't concede any big innings. Once again, he got a standing ovation from the crowd as he left.

But this time there was no tip of the cap. After a week in the big leagues, Richmond has loftier goals than just surviving. It wasn't to be a first major-league win. When he left, the Jays trailed by one. But a stirring ninth-inning rally by the Toronto offence at least spared Richmond the loss.

Entering the final frame, the Jays had managed only four hits against the Oakland staff.

Alex Rios kicked things off with a leadoff single. With one out, Rod Barajas's double to the wall in left-centre tied the game at 3-3. Adam Lind, who already had an RBI triple to his credit, was intentionally walked by Oakland clos-



Toronto Blue Jays' Kevin Mench (hidden) is mobbed by team mates after he hit a walk off single to beat the Oakland Athletics in last night's game. Toronto won 4-3.

er Huston Street. Scott Rolen's soft groundout advanced the runners to second and third.

That left the heroics to Kevin Mench. The burly fringe player knocked Street's first pitch into left field, scoring pinch-runner Brad Wilkerson to give Toronto a 4-3 walkoff win.

Mench got the plaudits, but the game was saved in

the top of the eighth. In that frame, shortstop John McDonald robbed Oakland of vital insurance runs on what may have been the best defensive play by a Jay this year.

The result will surely hearten Richmond, who has twice pitched well enough to win since first arriving here only a few days ago.

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# Ball players ready to shine

City hosting midget baseball championship

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**There's been an explosion of Canadian baseball stars to hit the major leagues in recent years.**

From all-star hitters Justin Morneau, Jason Bay and Russell Martin, to ace pitchers like Erik Bedard, Rich Harden and Ryan Dempster, talent keeps streaming down from the Great White North.

Fans in Halifax may be watching future Major League stars this week at the Baseball Canada Midget Championship. Many of the top 16 to 18-year-olds from across the country will be coming to play for their home provinces.

"Many of the players will be draft eligible next year, so there will be major league and college scouts watching the tournament," said Brad Lawlor, executive director of Baseball Nova Scotia.

Two top pitching prospects on display happen to be from Nova Scotia. Brandon Petite will pitch Thursday's opening game for Halifax — for being the host the city gets to field its own team apart from Nova Scotia — while Cole Harbour native Shain Beaudreau will pitch for Nova Scotia.

"I'm pretty confident. The Halifax team seems to be a good bunch of guys, talented," said Petite, who

attends the Vauxhall Academy of Baseball in Alberta throughout the year.

"I'm preparing the same way I do any other baseball game: just go out there and throw the ball."

Petite tosses a fastball that sits in the high 80's, mixed with a good curve and a changeup he uses for an out pitch.

Lawlor said both Petite and Cole Harbour's Beaudreau are top prospects.

"Shain's a great baseball player. He's a fantastic pitcher. Last year at the na-

tionals he threw a no-hitter, which doesn't happen often," said Lawlor of Beaudreau.

The tournament's opening ceremony is today, while games run from Thursday to Sunday.

Some provinces, like P.E.I., Manitoba and Newfoundland and Labrador are sending the all-star teams they'll be sending to the Canada Games. Others are sending club teams with some pickups from elsewhere in the province.



Brandon Petite will pitch for Halifax when they open the Baseball Canada Midget Championship in HRM this week.

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Halifax Mooseheads player Travis Randell was one of the local players who missed out on a chance to represent Canada as part of the national under-18 team.

## No Maritimers picked for Under-18 squad

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**HOCKEY** Canada's National Men's Summer Under-18 team won't only lack Nova Scotians, it doesn't include any players from Atlantic Canada.

Halifax's Steven Anthony and Bible Hill's Matt Brown were among the players competing for one of 22 spots at a four-day camp in Calgary. But when the team was announced yesterday it included no Maritimers.

The team consists of seven players from Ontario, six from Saskatchewan, three from Quebec, three from B.C. two from Manitoba and one from Alberta.

Other locals who missed out were Mooseheads for-

ward Travis Randell and Cape Breton Screaming Eagles goalie Olivier Roy.

The team will play at the 2008 Memorial of Ivan Hlinka tournament from August 12-16 in Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

### Under-18 roster

- Goalies: Bryce O'Hagan, Nathan Lieuwen
- Defence: Jared Cowen, Brayden McNabb, Simon Després, Hubert Labrie, Stefan Elliott, Ryan Ellis, Taylor Doherty
- Forwards: Carter Ashton, Zack Kassian, Taylor Hall, Garrett Mitchell, Ryan O'Reilly, Louis Leblanc, Jimmy Bubnick, Brayden Schenn, Cody Eakin, Casey Cizikas, Scott Glennie, Evander Kane, Matthew Duchene

Teen WOVS racing fans

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**SHUBENACADIE** Cody Matechuk is hoping he learned enough to be ahead of his competition in the SV650 Cup class as riders on the Parts Canada National Superbike championship ride into Atlantic Motorsport Park in Shubenacadie.

The 14-year-old Matechuk is the youngest rider on the seven-round tour and wowed fans and racers alike in a warmup/testing session during Atlantic Roadracing League's recent doubleheader posting top times for an SV class motorcycle of 1:12s with stunning finishes of fourth, third and fifth against riders double his age and who have raced all their lives at AMP, while on a smaller SV650 engine. Before the July 26-27 ARL event, Matechuk had never seen nor raced at AMP.

AMP's unique design and layout consisting of 11-turns and twisty corners 4-6 and nine-10 and 11, which was co-founded, built and paid for by Jack Canfield of Oakfield and five others, received a ringing endorsement from Matechuk, second in the SV650 Cup standings.

"It's a fun track to race on," the Calgarian, who is related to pro rider Clint McBain, said.

"It has an awesome layout. I like it."

Matechuk, who sits second in the SV650 Cup standings behind the leader by 20 points, said fans are in for great races at one of the best tracks on the circuit.

"It's going to be a great experience with a party-like atmosphere," he added. "It'll be a good time with some great racing too."

Matechuk, who admits to a love for East Coast lobster, said his main goal coming to AMP was to learn a track he had never been to. He added he'll have plenty of time for normal male teenager stuff in the off-season.

"It gives me an advantage by being here learning the quirks and secrets of the track," he said. "It helps me learn."

## 10 sports

Doping

Russian race walker Vladimir Kanaikin tested positive for the banned drug EPO and has been suspended. He is the seventh athlete to be thrown off the Russian team in the past week. **REUTERS**

# Beijing Games

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## Olympic torch arrives

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But not everyone was convinced. Members of the U.S. cycling squad arrived at Beijing's new airport terminal yesterday wearing respiratory masks. The IOC's medical chief said the masks were unnecessary, and the U.S. Olympic Committee urged the Chinese not to take offence.

"It was in no way intended to be disrespectful," said spokesman Darryl Seibel.

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## Sports in brief

**CYCLING** Portuguese Olympic cyclist Sergio Paulinho, silver medallist in Athens, has dropped out of Beijing because of a respiratory problem, coach Jose Poreira said yesterday.

**HOCKEY** Australia's Fiona Johnson has been ruled out of the women's hockey at the Beijing Games with a hamstring injury, a team official said yesterday.

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## Tomorrow's lineup

**END IN SIGHT?** Canada's track and field team has been shut out from medalling since 1996, but the drought could end this month. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

**2** days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

# High hopes for kayaker

Adam van Koeverden expected to medal in K-1 500 and 1,000 metres

MARTY YORK  
Metro Canada

If you're Canadian, and you'd like to see your country capture a gold medal at the Olympic Games in Beijing this month, you ought to focus your attention on the man with the six-syllable name: Adam van Koeverden.

He's a kayaker from Oakville, Ont. And he's easily your best bet.

"The guy is definitely the stud of the Canadian Olympic team," says The Toronto Star's Olympic expert, Randy Starkman. "No one's got a track record like him going into the Games — Olympic champion, world champion, winner of five of six World Cups this season, newly minted record holder. This guy thrives under pressure. He's a favourite for the podium in both

### On the web

- If you'd like to become more familiar with Adam van Koeverden, check out his website at [vankayak.com](http://vankayak.com).



Kayaker Adam van Koeverden, 26, was recently named as Canada's flag-bearer.

the K-1 500 and 1,000 metres."

Van Koeverden also was named Canada's flag-bearer for the opening ceremony in Beijing.

And unlike other athletes selected in the past as Canada's flag-bearer, van Koeverden isn't bristling or suggesting the notion of carrying his country's colours could be detrimental to his success. He's actually embracing the opportunity.

"It's a great honour," he

said. "I just hope I don't let anybody down."

He hasn't done much letting down in recent years. He won the gold medal in the men's K-1 500 metres at the 2004 Olympics in Athens. And he believes that, at 26, he's in even better physical condition now. And he also thinks he knows what to expect from his competition.

No Canadian in any sport has had more success than van Koeverden heading toward the Beijing Games.

He's won five of six World Cup races this summer — he won a bronze in the other — and all the events had him competing against the world's top kayakers. He raised his career total to 21 victories.

Fact is, he's never been beaten in the 500-metre competition.

"That means people will be formulating their racing and training plans in an effort to beat me," van Koeverden acknowledged, "but I'm cool with that. I

think it's wonderful to be that guy..."

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Adam van Koeverden

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"At the same time, I recognize there's a lot of work I need to do. I need to get better at certain things. I'm trying to improve."

That he has reached this point is remarkable in itself. By his own admission, he is not a natural athlete. It was only because he couldn't master any team sport that he started kayaking at age 13.

"I can't really dribble a basketball or kick a soccer ball," he said. "I'd be lying if I said I was a natural athlete. I have good pain tolerance and my endurance is good. I'm a good runner. But I used to feel weird in gym class because I wasn't good at any team sports, and I felt inferior to the kids who were."

So he turned to kayaking, where he clearly gives Canada its best gold-medal hope in Beijing.

## Vancouver learning from China

We have to be unique and special and spectacular in our own way.

John Furlong

fall very swiftly on your shoulders. Every minute, every day, every word you say will be written about, analyzed and editorialized. Just like that."

Furlong said facilities for the media are top of his mind.

"This is how the rest of the world comes face to face with the Olympics," he said. "The press centre and the broadcast centres are very important to us."

Furlong has noted the issues with fraudulent ticket sales in Australia as tickets for Vancouver will start be-

ing sold Oct. 3. He also expects to hear questions from IOC about the recent landslide that closed the highway between Vancouver and Whistler.

Furlong said there were considerably more Vancouver organizers in Turin for the Winter Games because there was more to learn. But it still will cost \$600,000 to have 2010 officials stationed in China for the Summer Games, which start Friday.

Almost all the venues that will be used for the Vancouver-Whistler Games, including the new speed-skating oval in Richmond, are finished. Organizers want everything ready as early as they can so all the venues will be fully tested, and so Canadian athletes can start learning the nu-



A man walks through the Olympic Green in Beijing yesterday.

ances of the various facilities to aid Canada's quest to finish first in the medal standings come 2010.

Asked if he's scared about following what everyone so far thinks is the best organized Games they've seen, Furlong said he's relying on the character of Canadians to make a big impression come February 2010.

"We have to be unique and special and spectacu-

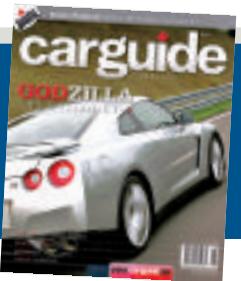
lar in our own way," he said.

As much as he's impressed with the park at the north end of the Olympic Green in north Beijing — "it's three times the size of Stanley Park, with lakes and streams and rare trees; it's magnificent" — and with the sparkling venues, Furlong is anxious to see how the Chinese react if and when something goes wrong. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# Automotive

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## Acura sticks to roots

TSX adds more appeal without losing its athletic tradition

BILL MC LAUCHLAN  
For Metro Canada

**While the 2009 version of Acura's TSX offers a lot more room, comfort, features and technology than before, it has managed to stay true to its predecessor's image of a light, nimble and athletic sport sedan.**

The design looks more evolutionary than revolutionary. A wider, bolder stance certainly gives it a sportier flavour but it also sits on a longer 2705 mm wheelbase (a 35 mm stretch over the outgoing model).

Overall, its body is slightly longer than before and wider too — all of which translates into a generous driver-oriented interior with more hip room and shoulder space.

The new look is dominated up front by a chiselled 'signature' grille, sharp elongated headlamps and bold fender flares.

The overall shape is clean and crisp, with strong character lines helping to shape the side surfaces.

But what is really seen in the new look is a clue to Acura's future styling direction for its sedans.

A lighter, stiffer body, coupled with revisions to the front and rear suspension, brings a noticeable increase in agility, along with a flatter, more controlled ride, improved high-speed stability and reduced road noise.

The 201 horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine brings improved perform-



The 2009 Acura TSX

**2009 Acura TSX**

**Type:** Mid-size 5-pass. sedan FWD  
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**Highlights**

- Ride smoothness and quietness
- Interior comfort
- Handling agility
- Sharp-edged athletic styling



A thicker steering wheel rim with fingertip buttons for Bluetooth and voice activation controls is a new feature in the sophisticated and well-finished interior.

ance. Though the power output is actually down a tad from the '08 model, its useable power comes across a much wider rpm range, while a touch more torque further strengthens pulling power at middle rpm levels.

This allows more response off the line and out of corners while maintaining its strength in the rpm range where the engine operates most of the time.

Two transmissions are

available: a standard six-speed manual with revised ratios for better performance and an available five-speed automatic with a new lock-up torque converter assembly, steering wheel-mounted F1-style paddle shifters, and intelligent features such as Grade Logic Control and Shift Hold Control, which makes driving on hilly or winding roads more en-

joyable.

The manual is more fun, naturally, but the automatic is well suited to the engine's traits too.

A thicker steering wheel rim with fingertip buttons for Bluetooth and voice activation controls is a new feature in the sophisticated and well-finished interior.

Standard features on the \$34,200 base model include a sunroof, seven-

speaker sound system, dual-zone climate control, power (heated) eight-way driver and four-way front passenger seats.

Moving up a notch, a mid-range \$36,200 (with manual) Premium Package adds leather seats, XM Radio, automatic headlight, two-position memory driver seat and digital media auxiliary USB jack with iPod/iPhone compatibility. HID headlamps and fog lights improve functionality and add style.

For those with top-end tastes, the \$39,000 TSX Technology Package adds a 10-speaker surround sound system with DVD-audio and also includes a satellite nav system with bilingual voice recognition and a rearview back-up camera.

There's no doubt the new TSX comes with lots of added appeal — enough to satisfy its loyal followers and tempt those who before might not have considered it.

## Driving around bikes

Rising fuel costs have encouraged soaring cycle use — so we are seeing bicyclists on the roads with many different levels of experience.

This can be a problem for drivers; we need to take extra care to judge their speed — as well as the road and weather conditions — from the new biker's point of view.

Remember too that some bike riders, particularly younger ones, have never driven a car, and so don't recognize the problems that they can cause car drivers. In an accident involving a car and a cyclist, whoever is to blame the cyclist will always be the more vulnerable to a serious injury.

### Sharing the road

To help prevent potential conflict here are a few pointers to bear in mind:

- Bike riders don't have steel armour round them like drivers do. Passing them at speed within a foot of their elbow may feel perfectly safe from where you are, but it is very disconcerting when you are the cyclist.
- In traffic, make sure you don't cut off a biker who is about to pass you on the inside. Don't try to cut across a cyclist when you need to turn right at an intersection. Wait behind the cyclist until the he/she has either turned right or passed the cross street.
- Park with care and don't open any door until you're sure there is no cyclist coming up on either side.



Ford Focus

## Focus most improved, study says

Amid all the current auto industry gloom, a ray of sunshine has emerged for the Ford Motor Co.

Its Focus is the most improved vehicle in the industry's top study measuring customer-pleasing design, content, and vehicle performance.

In J.D. Power and Associates 2008 Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout (APEAL) Study, the Focus raised its score over last year by 88 index points — the biggest improvement in the industry.

The compact Focus performed better than the seg-

ment average in every category, scoring especially well in the areas of fuel economy, audio/entertainment, interior and exterior styling.

Its appeal to buyers bears out in the marketplace: Focus retail sales in the U.S. are up 64 per cent year-to-date (five per cent in Canada)

da) while industry-wide retail sales of small cars are up 10 per cent.

In response, Ford is increasing Focus production at its assembly plant in Wayne, Mich., where a third shift will be added to the plant's body and paint shops in September.

According to a survey by the National Business Travelers' Association, more than two-thirds of Canadian business travellers paid more for hotel stays in 2007 than in the previous year, while 40 per cent experienced car rental rate increases. CALGARY.BBB.ORG

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## Critter encounter

The Alaska Sealife Center has launched a program called Marine Mammal Encounter, which lets visitors get up close and personal with resident sea lions and harbor seals including Snapper, a 400-plus-pound harbour seal. Guests can participate in a harbour seal training session with the centre's mammalogists. Visit [alaskasealife.org](http://alaskasealife.org). TRAVELALASKA.COM

## Exploring Brazil's Marvellous City

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Metro World News

CARLOS ALKMIN

**Tom Jobim and Vinicius de Moraes' Girl from Ipanema is probably still the most famous Brazilian song in the world, and the first thing that comes to mind when you are strolling down the beach-front of Rio de Janeiro.**

But the city that gave birth to bossa nova and samba has many other musical styles to offer. As well as local pop-rock, hip hop and electronic music and the distinctive favela funk that originates from the shanty towns of Rio, there are many fusions of the different styles including samba-rock, electro-samba and bossa-jazz.

You can also hear other Brazilian regional sounds in Rio, including forró, traditional fast-paced music from North East, and maracatu, a rhythm originally from the state of Pernambuco.

Music is an important part of daily life for cariocas — Rio's inhabitants — and it can be heard everywhere: in the botecos (neighbourhood bars) of Santa Teresa, the dance halls of Lapa, the bars around Lagoa, and in open-air concerts in Copacabana beach, Marina da Glória and Sugar Loaf.

The seductive sounds of what Brazilians call the Cidade Maravilhosa, or Marvellous City, offer the perfect soundtrack for a visit to this vibrant city. Follow our guide and you'll know where to go to hear



Gafieira Estudantina in Rio de Janeiro holds 1,500 people and is open for dancing all night long.

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### Samba

**Where to go: Lapa and Santa Teresa**

Traditional samba saw a rebirth in the 1990s in Rio with the opening of new bars in Lapa, the historical district that's home to the famous aqueduct, Arcos da Lapa. A rising star intimately linked to this renaissance is Teresa Cristina and Grupo Semente, who perform in the area. Two good places to see classic artists and new talent in Lapa are Carioca da Gema (Rua Mem de Sá, 79, Lapa, [barcariocadagema.com.br](http://barcariocadagema.com.br)) and Democráticos (Rua do Riachuelo, 91, Lapa). In

Santa Teresa, a very famous boteco and restaurant with samba demonstrations is Sobrenatural. (Av. Almirante Alexandrino, 432, Santa Teresa).

### MPB, bossa nova and rock

**Where to go: Circo Voador, Verão da Urca, Oi Noites Cariocas**

A good setting to see MPB (Música Popular Brasileira, or Brazilian Popular Music) and local rock live concerts is Circo Voador (or Flying Circus), an outdoor concert venue on Rua dos Arcos, Lapa ([circovoador.com.br](http://circovoador.com.br)). In summer, the best venue is Verão no Morro, which

happens on the mountain-top of Sugar Loaf complex, with a fabulous view of the city (Avenida Pasteur, 520, Praia Vermelha, Urca, [mrodauraca.com](http://mrodauraca.com)).

Rock and MPB concerts there attract a well-dressed crowd from Zona Sul (the wealthy area of Rio). The popular Oi Noites Cariocas parties were held there until last year when they moved to Píer Mauá (Rua Rodrigues Alves, 10, Centro, [oinoitescariocas.com.br](http://oinoitescariocas.com.br)).

### Funk

**Where to go: Favelas**

Born in the favelas, Rio's bass-heavy funk music is now part of the city's

mainstream, attracting wealthy people as well as the favelas' communities. A famous baile (dance or ball) funk, which attracts lots of tourists, is Castelo das Pedras, in Jacarepaguá. (Estrada de Jacarepaguá, 3600, Rio das Pedras, [castelodaspedras.com.br](http://castelodaspedras.com.br)).

### Gafieira

**Where to go: Lapa**

Rio's old-school-style dance halls, the gafieiras, were originally established in the 1920s for the urban working class but nowadays attract a young trendy crowd from Zona Sul as well as artists, musicians and dancers. The most famous one is Gafieira Estu-

dantina, which opened in 1932, holds 1,500 people and is open for dancing all night long. (Praça Tiradentes, 79, Centro).

### Forró

**Where to go: Feira de São Cristóvão**

At this traditional fair you can find a bit of the Brazilian Northeast in Rio. About 700 tents offer typical food, handicrafts, music, dance and poetry from this part of the country. Bands playing forró (traditional fast-paced music) perform in the central square alongside impressive rodas de capoeira, circles in which performers show off their skills in capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian mix of martial art and dance. (Campo de São Cristóvão, São Cristóvão)

### Music stores

**Modern Sound**

One of the most famous music stores in Brazil, this shop opened in 1966 in the heart of the Copacabana neighbourhood and has samba, bossa nova, hip hop and dozens of other categories of Brazilian music. The café in the store has live jazz. (Rua Barata Ribeiro, 502, Copacabana; [modernsound.com.br](http://modernsound.com.br)).

### Toca do Vinícius

A shop named after celebrated songwriter Vinícius de Moraes specializing in CDs and books of bossa nova. Upstairs, a museum shows original handwritten pieces, and photos. (Rua Vinícius de Moraes, 129, Ipanema; [tocabodovinicius.com.br](http://tocabodovinicius.com.br)).



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# Unearthing sapphires in Sri Lanka

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In the Ratnapura region, there are plenty of mining pits like this one, hand-dug by teams of workers on the hunt for precious stones.

**"Sri Lanka is known as 'the island of gems.' It has a long history of gem mining and trading dating back some 2,000 years."**

of Colombia's emeralds and the Philippines' pearls, but I had no idea this tiny South Asian country was big on the jewellery scene.

I ask if we can stop to check out the mines. I hop out of the bus and descend upon the crew of nine, cameras and questions blazing.

Teeth stained red from betelnut (a popular chewing-tobacco-like stimulant), they kindly take me through the gem-mining, or "gemming" process.

With rudimentary machines that sputter and smoke, they dredge for deposits. As with panning for gold, they take a rattan basket and swirl it around, trying to extract the valuable gems from the clay, gravel and sand. This job places them into waist-high water, and knee-deep mud as thick as cement.

I make one false step and sink into soil that swallows my flip-flop whole. Clearly this is a messy job, and a dangerous one at that.

As I survey the workers, many look injured — one has a cut over his eye, another a bloody bandage covering his big toe.

Despite these frequent on-the-job injuries, there is no disability or unemployment insurance. If the crew members get hurt,

they're on their own.

Though they may work all day, they only get paid if they find something worth selling. The investor takes 50 per cent of the sales and the workers split the rest amongst themselves.

Worried that the workers might swallow the gem (to cash in for themselves), the investor is the only one allowed to sort through the finds of the day. Huddled around the boss, the team watches eagerly as he picks at the gravel by hand. No sapphires this time around, only a few mature semi-precious stones that have little resale value.

I have a new appreciation for sapphires, and, more importantly, for the individuals who toil to find

them. I'm truly amazed at the blood, sweat and time it takes to get the gem out of the ground and on its

way to your jewelry case.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing on OLN, and editor of [thetraveljunkie.ca](http://thetraveljunkie.ca).

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For the third weekend in a row, Batman and the Joker dominated Halifax movie theatres. Batman was the top grossing film, followed by Mama Mia! and the buddy film Step Brothers. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Entertainment

## Native tunes

Halifax native Sarah McLachlan will be releasing a best-of collection of her work, including two new tracks, on Oct. 7. A deluxe 2-CD version, with more of her songs, will also be available.

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# illScarlett at home here

Bandmates revel in local connection ahead of Sunday gig

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Their bandmate isn't from Halifax, but for vocalist Alex Norman and the rest of illScarlett, bassist John Doherty is a great guide to the city.

"He is a huge Halifax fan, and he loves going there," Norman said about Doherty, who is the son of Halifax born Denny Doherty. The musician, who died in 2007, was a member of the Mamas & the Papas, and played the Harbour Master in the Theodore Tugboat series.

"He always feels a bit like he is home," Norman added about his bassist. "He has this innate sense of belonging, so it is good. We go down to the harbour and see Theodore — which is really funny."

They will be Halifax tourists again this weekend as the guys open for Avril Lavigne during her Metro



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illScarlett performs during the recent Much Music Video Awards.

Centre concert on Sunday night, replacing original opening act Boys like Girls.

"We were really excited, we found out just before we went on stage for a show in Toronto, and it was awesome. The news just keeps getting better and better,"

said Norman.

The band's good news includes tours across Europe and Canada, a Juno nomination and Much Music Video Award, and the release of its latest album, All Day With It. It was recorded in Los Angeles under the direction of Matthew Wilder, producer of No Doubt's Tragic Kingdom.

"He is an expert in the studio, and it was cool for us," Norman said. "We actually felt that we were doing something important, doing something really big. It

was nice someone took us seriously enough to bring us down and make a record.

Even with illScarlett's success, the guys still like going out to the merchandise table to meet fans, talk with them, and put a face to the screams they hear during their shows. It's important, Norman said, to give back.

"It's like that old proverb: If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there, does it make a sound?" Norman said. "If a band plays on stage and no one is there to hear it, do they actually make a sound? Are they actually a band?"

## In brief

**MUSIC** Didn't get Elton John tickets for Sept 27 — or just don't care? Broken Social Scene member Jason Collett is scheduled to play The Seahorse that night. Collett recently released his fourth solo album, Here's to Being Here. A ticket price for the show has not been announced.

**DUO** Hip hop duo Method Man and Redman — made up of Wu-Tang Clan's Method Man and Def Squad's Redman will reportedly perform at The Palace Nightclub on Oct. 1. TicketPro is advertising the concert, but a ticket price has not been set.

**SHOW** Tickets go on sale this Friday at 9 a.m. for the Classic Rock Experience, a night featuring music by Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd and AC/DC, at the Halifax Metro Centre on Saturday, Oct. 11. Tickets to the show are \$39.50 plus service charges and are available by calling 451-1221 or online at ticketatlantic.com.

**FILM** The alfresco filmFesto continues this Friday night with the '80s classic Stand By Me. The movie will be screened outdoor on the side of the Electropolis on Queen's Quay. The screening starts at 9 p.m. or dusk, and admission is a suggested donation of \$5.

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## on sale now

- Tickets to see illScarlett and Avril Lavigne on Sunday night are \$57 and \$62, and are still available. Call Ticket Atlantic at 451-1221 or visit ticketatlantic.com.

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## Uncool characters take cool turn in Express

### Pineapple Express

**Director:** David Gordon Green  
**Stars:** Seth Rogen, James Franco

**Classification:** 18A

**Rating:** \*\*\*½

**STEVE GOW**  
for Metro Canada

Dale (Rogen) who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder involving a dirty cop and a drug lord. Together, the two stoners run, hide and get wasted becoming unlikely pals amidst the chaotic action.

And there is a fair amount of action. Rogen and co-writer Evan Goldberg were heavily inspired by such buddy/action fare as Lethal Weapon and its sequels. Sure, it's a hollow story and the pacing is uneven, but this comedy still works for its unique ability to craft extremely likeable characters that aren't usually portrayed likeable in the movies. Just as they did with their script for Superbad, they do it again here.

Franco is surprisingly enjoyable as the Spicoli-

inspired burnout Saul while Danny McBride (Hot Rod) is sure to be crowned this summer's McLovin, stealing scenes as an indestructible mid-level dealer with shaved armpits. Don't ask.

As with Superbad, Apatow and Rogen have created an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters. Further, they achieved an even more incredible feat: They resurrected Huey Lewis to pen an impossibly cool theme song. Who knew he still had it in him?

Apparently, they did.

## see it yourself

- For listings of where Pineapple Express is playing in town check out metronews.ca.

**Ugly Betty's new guests**

Live with Regis and Kelly co-hosts Kelly Ripa and Regis Philbin will appear as themselves on the Sept. 25 premiere of *Ugly Betty*. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

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# The cult of friendship

Groups of friends can feel like sisterhood, author says

**JIM REYNO**  
Metro Canada



**Carmen, Tibby, Bridget, Lena — and you. You don't have to squeeze into the jeans to be part of the Sisterhood.**

"The idea of there being four equally weighted protagonists, it makes you feel like you're part of something," Ann Brashares said about the appeal of her bestselling teen series *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. "You're almost part of this group, this sisterhood. It feels communal and welcoming, this governing spirit of a very deep and unconditional friendship."

Brashares, promoting the movie *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2*, believes in bonds. It seems sisters don't have to do it for themselves.

"I think there's always the fantasy of a really great, sustaining friendship. And I've tried to depict that — realistically," Brashares said. "I believe those friendships really do exist. I don't think it's fantasy."

"This is the kind of friendship people want, where it's the kind of friends who are happy when you're happy, and sad when you're sad."

The second Sisterhood movie, which opens today, draws from the final three books in the series.

"I feel like it was a difficult job to pull that together, and that they really managed to do it," Brashares said about *Pants 2*. "I think there are some insights and connections that aren't necessarily in the books. But that was interesting to me."

There may not be another

er Sisterhood movie, but the story lives on. In January, *3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows* is scheduled to hit the shelves. In the book, Brashares continues her exploration of women maintaining friendships while growing into separate, individual lives.

But the exploration will be in a familiar context.

"It takes place in the same world as the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants books, but there are new characters," Brashares said about *3 Willows*. "There are many, many things that are familiar, even little cameos of old characters. They grew up in the same town, and they are starting the same high school where the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants girls went. And they know of them."

Brashares, who published her first adult novel

last year, has no problem revisiting the Sisterhood — as long as it's on her terms.

"I don't want to feel like I have to keep going back to the same thing because that's what people want from me," she said. "I want to be able to continue to grow as a writer, to do new things, to try new things."



Ann Brashares is the author of the *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* series.

## DiCaprio in talks to play Vladimir Lenin



**MOVIES**  
Leonardo DiCaprio is reportedly in talks to play Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin in a new movie, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The actor is said to be in negotiations to take on the leading role in forthcoming film *Lenin's Brain*, according to British newspaper *The Sun*. Alexander Der Borodansky will direct, and he insists DiCaprio is perfect for the part because of his striking physical resemblance to the communist politician, who died in 1924.

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## Big cheer for Pants 2

**JIM REYNO**  
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### The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2

**Director:** Sanaa Hamri  
**Stars:** America Ferrera, Blake Lively, Amber Tamblyn, Alexis Bledel  
**Classification:** PG13  
**Rating:** \*\*\*



*Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants 2* opens today.

**There's a telling, tense scene early in *Sisterhood 2* where America Ferrera, Blake Lively, Amber Tamblyn and Alexis Bledel gather to renew the ritual of the traveling pants.**

The pants (as you would know if you're familiar with the first movie or Ann Brashares's series of novels) miraculously fit all four friends. They pass them off to one another, and stay close at the same time. It's a common bond for the four unlikely but likeable friends as they take separate paths to adulthood.

But hang on — those jeans (and those friendships) appear to be fading fast. The ritual has become tiresome for three of them, and it looks like the BFFs might be DOA.

And so *Sisterhood 2* explores how the foursome handle increasingly adult responsibilities in their ever-separating lives, all the while struggling to maintain their childhood friendships. There's a lot of life packed in to the four lives: a pregnancy scare, re-

lationship issues, coping with death, family bonds, new love vs. old flame, a new career ... The stories of their lives are intercut, and Hamri generally does a good job of giving each story the right amount of room to push the plot along.

At the end of the day, *Sisterhood 2* is a big cheer — hooray for the friends as everything works out (of course). In reality, most of us do change and outgrow our childhood friendships. That catchup phone call, e-mail, lunch, or coffee date never comes. *Sisterhood 2* gives us the chance to vicariously stay close to everyone we love.

## Stone to play queen in Tudors

**CASTING** In her first major acting role, British soul singer Joss Stone will play Henry VIII's fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, in *The Tudors*.

The gig will likely be a brief one, as Anne was married to Henry (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) for about six months. A daughter of a German nobleman, Anne was betrothed to Henry in a marriage treaty between the Cleves Court and the king's chancery after Henry was shown a portrait of her.

**REUTERS**

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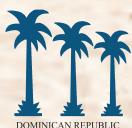
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**Moving on**

American Idol executive producer and So You Think You Can Dance judge Nigel Lythgoe, right, has announced he's leaving Idol to devote his time to a new development venture with fellow Idol mastermind Simon Fuller. **E! NEWS ONLINE**



## Rancic takes agency to court

**LAWSUITS** E! host Giuliana Rancic is taking the William Morris Agency to court, PageSix.com reports. Rancic, who hosts E! News with Ryan Seacrest, is suing her former agency for "breach of contract and fiduciary duty," according to her lawyer, Paul Sorrell.

"They put the interests of other clients they had ahead of hers," Sorrell said. "It was a major conflict of interest, so she fired them. She's claiming all money back that she paid them and damages in the millions." William Morris declined comment. Rancic is now repped by CAA.

## Kaiser Chiefs tease new album

**MUSIC** The Kaiser Chiefs have revealed new details on their forthcoming third album, *Off With Their Heads*, Ananova.com reports. The follow-up to 2007's *Yours Truly, Angry Mob* will be preceded by the first single, *Never Miss A Beat*. Released on Oct. 6, the single features Lily Allen on backing vocals.

The new album also features a guest appearance from acclaimed grime rapper, Sway, on new song *Half The Truth*, whilst Bond-theme maestro David Arnold arranged strings for *Like It Too Much*. *Off With Their Heads* is due for release on Oct. 13.

## Kanye denies work with Spears

**MUSIC** Kanye West has put an end to rumours that he is lined up to produce new material for pop star Britney Spears, Ananova.com reports. The hip-hop rapper and producer has set the record straight on his blog in an entry labelled the Clarity Post.

"I HAVE NOT SIGNED UP 2 DO BRITNEY SPEARS MUSIC," he wrote in capitals. "Clarity post will be my new thing 2 de-spell all false rumours ... short and sweet."

Spears is said to be working on her sixth studio album, with possible contributions from Timbaland, Justin Timberlake, Pharrell Williams. Singer-producer Taio Cruz has also submitted songs for the followup to 2007's *Blackout*.

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# The unreal facts of reality TV

**THE REAL THING:** "I did it because I needed the money," recalls Matt Kennedy Gould, who briefly lived in the queasy glare of reality TV fame when he appeared on *Joe Schmo*, Spike TV's barely discernible parody of the genre.

"I lived with my parents. I had just dropped out of law school. I was a regular pot smoker. I didn't want to work."

For anyone who's wondered aloud where they find the sort of people who agree to appear on reality TV, now you know.

Entertainment Weekly has a reputation — eminently deserved — for being a bubbleheaded publicity organ, so you have to read their piece on reality TV has-beens like Gould looking back on their often-toxic efflorescence of fame as an inadvertent rebuttal to the most popular complaint directed at reality TV — that it's a stage-managed lie meant to dupe gullible viewers with the appear-

### IntelleVision

**Rick McGinnis**  
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ance of reality.

Well, yes, of course it is, but the EW piece blandly confirms that reality TV viewers are blithely aware of all of this, and that speculating on the machinations behind the scenes, while

enjoying the ragged morality play happening on the surface, has made reality TV viewing an experience as complex in its way as relaxing into the high-gloss edginess of an HBO drama.

You can't help but smile knowingly when you read Genevieve Deitrick's account of her time spent on the second season of *Temptation Island* with her fiancé Tony Schmitt.

"The producers really didn't like me too much. I went to college for criminal justice, forensics and

**"I went to college for criminal justice, forensics and ballistics, and you learn about interrogation methods where they deprive you of sleep and food to wear you down, and after the first few days I realized that's what they were doing. We were hungry and it would be hours before we ate, and people's emotions would get high."**

Former *Temptation Island* contestant Genevieve Deitrick

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"We were hungry and it would be hours before we ate, and people's emotions would get high."

Contestants might be deprived of food, but they never lack for drink, according to several of the onetime reality inmates.

"You got gourmet chefs, you got Jacuzzis, you got all the alcohol you could want," recalls Billie Jeanne Houle, who appeared on Fox's *Married By America*.

Jennifer Bratt, who did time on NBC's *Age Of Love* as one of the cougars competing for the affection of a younger man against a cohort of young things, recalls the show's reliance on social lubricants.

"You fill out your forms and tell a little about your personality."

"It said, 'What's your favorite drink?' And I said, 'I can get a little carried away with tequila.' Funny how tequila was always there."

Amanda Habrowski, who goes by the nickname "Ice" apparently, did a season on VH1's *Flavor Of Love*, and asked the unkind question "Who the hell could fall in love with Flavor Flav?"

She was in tears when she left the show, however, but explains that it wasn't about the rejection.

"We lived the good life out there. That's why I cried at the end. Everyone's like, 'You didn't even like him!' I'm like, 'I'm leaving a pretty mansion in California! I'm not going to be pampered anymore!'

"That's why I was crying, man."

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

### critics' corner

#### Supernatural

Fans knew Dean's (Jensen Ackles) days were numbered, but he wasn't supposed to go like this. In the gut-wrenching episode "Mystery Spot," Dean is fatally shot while he and Sam (Jared Padalecki) are investigating a man's disappearance. Sam's grief turns to surprise when he wakes up the next day to find his brother alive — but that's only because he's reliving the previous day, "Groundhog Day"-style, and seeing Dean die every day for weeks. **11 PM on SPACE**



#### Catch-22

Alan Arkin stars as Captain John Yossarian, a bombardier in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Second World War who takes his licks while learning that the act and bureaucracy of war don't make a lot of sense. **6:10 PM on PIX**

#### CSI: NY

You don't have to be familiar with the online virtual world "Second Life" to enjoy this episode; in fact, you'll feel a lot like Mac (Gary Sinise), who doesn't know "Second Life" but has to learn fast in order to track down the killer of two people who were seriously into it. Fortunately, he has Net-savvy Adam (A.J. Buckley) to help him navigate the unfamiliar territory. **8 PM on CJCH; 11 PM on CBS**

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## 18 entertainment



Heather Graham is single again after splitting from boyfriend Charles Ferri. The actress, 38, and the club boss had been dating for two years. A source tells People magazine the relationship was "pretty serious." [IMDB.COM](#)

Splitsville

## Celebrity Buzz

# Oprah hauls \$385 million

**EARNINGS** Oprah Winfrey earns a whopping \$385 million US a year.

Simon Cowell banks \$50 million.

David Letterman? \$32 million!

They're among the stars who appear in TV Guide's annual star salary survey, based on information from TV industry insiders and published sources, usmagazine.com reports.

According to TV Guide, Charlie Sheen is the highest-paid comedy star on primetime television, with \$825,000 per episode.

CST's William Peterson — who is leaving the show this upcoming season — is the highest-paid actor in a prime-time drama, earning \$600,000 per episode.

With

\$400,000 an episode, Law & Order: SVU star Mariska Hargitay is the highest-paid actress in a drama. Kyra Sedgwick takes home \$275,000 per episode of TNT's *The Closer*, making her top-earning actress on a cable network drama.

Some stars make serious money without appearing on TV at all.

Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane, who supplies the voice of lead character Peter Griffin, just signed a deal with Fox that will net him \$100 million through 2012.

And The Simpsons cast — Dan Castellaneta, Julie Kavner, Nancy Cartwright, Yeardley Smith and Hank Azaria — each earn

\$400,000 per episode.

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# Sexy Eva ad axed

**ADVERTISEMENT** Actress Eva Mendes' saucy perfume advertisement for Calvin Klein has been boycotted by several U.S. TV networks, [imdb.com](#) reports.

Bosses at national broadcasting stations are refusing to air the commercial for the company's Secret Obsession fragrance, in which the nude star writhes seductively on a bed. Tom Murry,



president of Calvin Klein Inc., tells the New York Daily News, "We believe the commercial is exceptional and hits the mark for Secret Obsession. We are anticipating a very successful global launch."

A censored clip is expected to be shown on U.S. cable networks after the 9 p.m. watershed, while the unedited version will air in full in other countries.

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## celebrity brief Olsen denies drug connection

**DEATH** Mary-Kate Olsen "had nothing whatsoever to do with the drugs found in Heath Ledger's home or his body, and she does not know where he obtained them," her attorney, Michael C. Miller, tells [Usmagazine.com](#). The New York Post reported Monday that Olsen, 22, is refusing to talk to investigators about Ledger's death until she is granted immunity.



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## "This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Anyone investigating **Mary-Kate Olsen** in the matter of **Heath Ledger**'s death is playing a dangerous game. If you're as familiar as I am with the movies she made with her sister Ashley, such as *It Takes Two*, *Our Lips Are Sealed*, and *New York Minute*, you'll know she's an expert at switching places with her twin in order to flabbergast adults and get what she wants. It's probably the only skill she possesses, other than going up to 10 days without blinking, dressing like an alien overlord, and sharing her OxyContin, but I digress.

Once more, **Angelina Jolie** has displayed the sheer vastness of her compassion by brushing off claims that she and **Brad Pitt** conceived their new twins with the aid of fertility treatments. She knows the little people, like you and especially me, need to believe in the divine powers of our celebrities, including their ability to procreate. Also, we won't get through to breakfast tomorrow if robbed of our mental images of people far more attractive than us humping. I think the U.N. gives out commissions for that kind of service, and I nominate Angie.

You can't really blame **Paris Hilton** for turning down the six-day work week of the theatre in order to maintain her schedule of go to club, go to other club, go to other other club, make sex tape. Either way, the performance ends up being terrible.

# No fertility help needed

**FAMILY** Actors Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt are setting the record straight about their newborn babies, [Knox](#) and [Vivienne](#), [intouchweekly.com](#) reports.

Jolie denies *Us Weekly*'s recent report that she underwent fertility treatments.

"If they had been conceived through IVF, we would have been happy to discuss it," she tells *People* magazine about the twins, who were born on July 12. "But

we have been fortunate never to have had fertility problems."

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# Tori wants hubby in 90210

**FAMILY** Actress Tori Spelling has launched a bid to land her husband Dean McDermott a guest spot alongside her in the forthcoming *Beverly Hills 90210* spinoff, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

"Tori asked the producers to find a spot for him, maybe a

guest-starring role that could turn into something permanent," a source tells the magazine.

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# Shannon denies engagement with Dancing partner

**RUMOURS** Actress Shannon Elizabeth has laughed off reports she is engaged to her former *Dancing With The Stars* partner Derek Hough, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The couple met when the American Pie star was paired up with the dancer to compete in the 2008 series of the talent competition, in which they came in sixth place.

Star magazine reported

last month that their relationship was going so well, Hough had proposed to Elizabeth but she turned him down.

But the 34-year-old claims there is no truth to the speculation, insisting they are happy as boyfriend and girlfriend.

"There's this whole weird rumour going around," *People*.com reports.



# Miley babysitter for Simpson?

**PEOPLE** Miley Cyrus wants to babysit for Pete Wentz and Ashlee Simpson, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

The Hannah Montana star "worships" Simpson — who is expecting her first child with husband Wentz lat-

er this year — and was the first to offer to look after the as-yet-unborn baby.

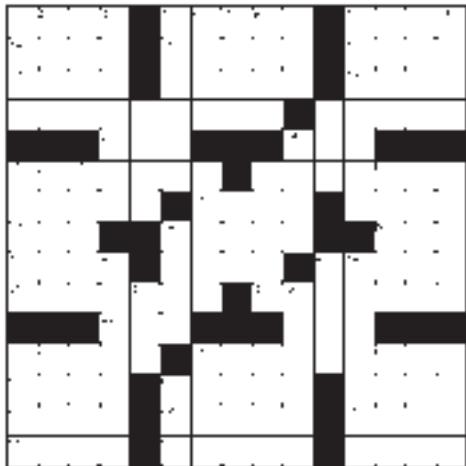
"I just met your beautiful wife backstage. I worship her — I'll babysit!" Cyrus said to Wentz at a taping of his TV show *FN MTV*.



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**Directorial debut**

Actor Mark Ruffalo is set to make his feature directing debut on the drama *Sympathy for Delicious*. Ruffalo will pull double duty on the film, co-starring along with James Franco and writer-actor Chris Thornton. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

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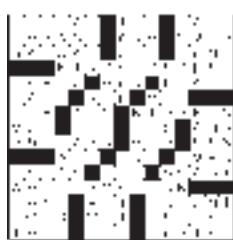
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**previous day's answer****STICKELERS**

by Terry Stickell

A word and its antonym are used to complete the sentences below.

The twins couldn't have been any more different. Tyler was quite \_\_\_\_\_; he was chattering from morning until bedtime. Trey was just the opposite. He was always quiet. He saw and heard everything. He would listen, think, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**This day in history**

- AUG. 6, 1914: World War I: Serbia declares war on Germany; Austria declares war on Russia.  
AUG. 6, 1926: Gertrude Ederle becomes first woman to swim across the English Channel.  
AUG. 6, 1926: Harry Houdini performs his greatest feat, spending 91 minutes underwater in a sealed tank before escaping.  
AUG. 6, 1945: World War II: Hiroshima is devastated when an atomic bomb, "Little Boy", is dropped by the United States B-29 Enola Gay. Around 70,000 people were killed instantly, and some tens of thousands died in subsequent years due to burns and radiation poisoning.  
AUG. 6, 1962: Jamaica becomes independent.

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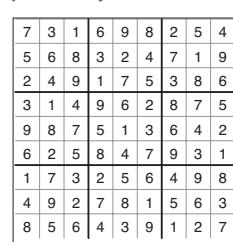
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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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IN MINUTES:****previous day's answer**

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13-17 ..... Scholar ..... Not bad ..... more games metronews.ca

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21°

**Tonight**

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14°

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21° / 15°

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21° / 16°



**Saturday**



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